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**The Bard Queer Leadership Project to Host Queer Leaders Vision Forum
with Dr. Joel Davis Brown**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—The Bard Queer Leadership Project (BQLP), which welcomed its first cohort of students during the fall 2023 semester at Simon's Rock, will host its third Queer Leaders Vision Forum with Dr. Joel Davis Brown (he/him) on February 29 at 7:00 p.m. Provost John Weinstein (he/him) and Director of the Bard Queer Leadership Project, Carla Stephens (she/her), will be in conversation with Davis Brown.

Joel Davis Brown is an entrepreneur, author, and member of the Forbes Coaches Council. His debut book, *The Souls of Queer Folk: How Understanding LGBTQ+ Culture Can Transform Your Leadership Practice*, published in 2023. An attorney with a doctorate in educational leadership, Joel founded Pneumos, a global management and consulting firm, with hubs spanning across three continents.

Copies of Dr. Davis Brown's book, *The Souls of Queer Folk: How Understanding LGBTQ+ Culture Can Transform Your Leadership Practice*, will be available for purchase at the event.

The event will be held on Thursday, February 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the McConnell Theater at the Daniel Arts Center on campus. The event is free and open to the public. It can also be accessed via livestream following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161481598>

About Simon's Rock

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

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